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KNIFE THREAT TERROR FOR SHOP WORKER

Lone female shop assistant bravely tried to fend off robber

Report by **Henry James**

A FEMALE shop assistant was threatened with a knife during an armed robbery at the Kenny Hives Shop on Tanfields.

The knifepoint robbery took place around 9pm on Friday, March 29 (Good Friday) when a man entered the shop and threatened the lone female shop assistant with a knife before stealing cash from the till.

The offender is described as slim, about six feet tall.

He was wearing a dark hooded jacket, hooded top and a black knitted scarf over his face.

Detective Sergeant Richard Horton from South Ribble CID said: "The staff member has bravely tried to fight off the offender but he managed to escape with a quantity of cash.

"Understandably she was left shaken but fortunately there were no customers in the shop at the time of the robbery.

"The offender is believed to have run off in the direction of Windrows and I'd urge anybody that has any information about this offence or the person responsible to come forward and contact Skelmersdale CID Office on 101."

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This fabulous competition can be found on Page 8 of this week's Champion.

Good luck!

Tea party celebrates 108 years of Rotary International

The Tick Tock Singers Code NA

THE Rotary Club of Ormskirk Clocktower held a tea party at Christ Church Ministry Centre to coincide with Rotary Day, which this year celebrates the 108th year of Rotary International.

At the event they hosted more than 60 guests who were members of Christ Church and Age UK luncheon clubs.

During the afternoon entertainment was provided by Ormskirk Ukulele Club, The Tick Tock Singers (a choir that includes Rotary members) and young musician Harry Lilley playing the accordion.

Veterans welcomed

Report by
Danielle Thompson

LANCASHIRE is hoping to draw the armed forces personnel into the heart of the community with a new initiative.

The county council is looking to establish a Community Covenant. This will set out how the council will work with Armed Forces veterans, their families and other organisations.

It will be a 'commitment of mutual recognition and support' between the community, the Armed Forces and veterans.

County Councillor Mike France, the Champion for Armed Forces Veterans, said: "The council already works on various projects and activities in this area but by bringing these services together, we can make this even more effective for the armed forces community.

"Creating a Community Covenant would help to bring those arrangements together in a more formal way – something that's already being done by other councils across the country."

The covenant hopes to encourage the community to support the armed forces community in their areas, promote understanding of issues affecting the armed forces, encourage integration of the armed forces community into local life and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by the armed forces.

Current support in Lancashire for serving personnel and veterans includes secondary school mentoring initiatives and support for veterans through the volunteer service.

The chairman also hosts an annual recognition reception for local military representatives.

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Hedley's fitting tribute to a true Reds legend

By Neil Leatherbarrow

Book reveals fascinating tale of how long–serving goalkeeper Elisha Scott was a hero both on and off the field

WHEN Liverpool FC fan Hedley Lawson's father Eric died in 1985 he left an unfulfilled ambition and a suitcase full of memorabilia on the Reds goalkeeping legend Elisha Scott.

So Hedley decided to honour his father and his father's hero by compiling a book entitled 'Elisha Scott, His Life Story: Liverpool FC's First Superstar.'

The result is a detailed history into the amazing career of Scott, and also a facinating insight into the history of football at the time.

Scott joined Liverpool in 1912 and stayed at Anfield for 22 years, winning two league championship medals, soon becoming recognised as the world's best goalkeeper and achieving a whole plethora of Liverpool records.

But Hedley's research involved making many trips to Northern Ireland to uncover the full story of Scott.

This was because, as well as being favourite among Koppites, Scott was also a hero in his native Belfast, not just as a goalkeeper and as the most successful manager of his era in Ireland, but as a man who crossed the sectarian divide in Belfast and clearly didn't care what religion a man was.

When Scott left Liverpool in 1934 he returned to Belfast a hero and was appointed player/manager of Belfast Celtic, the city's main Catholic club, even though he was a member of the Protestant Church of Ireland.

He soon went on to establish Celtic as the top team in the city, eclipsing the leading local club Linfield.

In 1948 a riot took place at a game against Linfield and Belfast Celtic withdrew from the Irish League in 1949, leaving Elisha as manager of a club with no league to play in.

As well as scouring newspaper archives in Belfast, Hedley also interviewed Scott's former international teammates, including former Manchester United player and Munich air disaster survivor, Harry Gregg, and Elisha's, son William, who has sadly since died.

Hedley himself admits the whole thing has been a life–changing episode for himself taking up so much of his time but that it was very much a 'labour of love.' What he has produced though, is certain to be a worthy tribute to a Reds legend.

The book will be published this week and will be available initially on a local basis by contacting Hedley himself on 01695 732944, on the internet or in local bookshops priced at £16.99.

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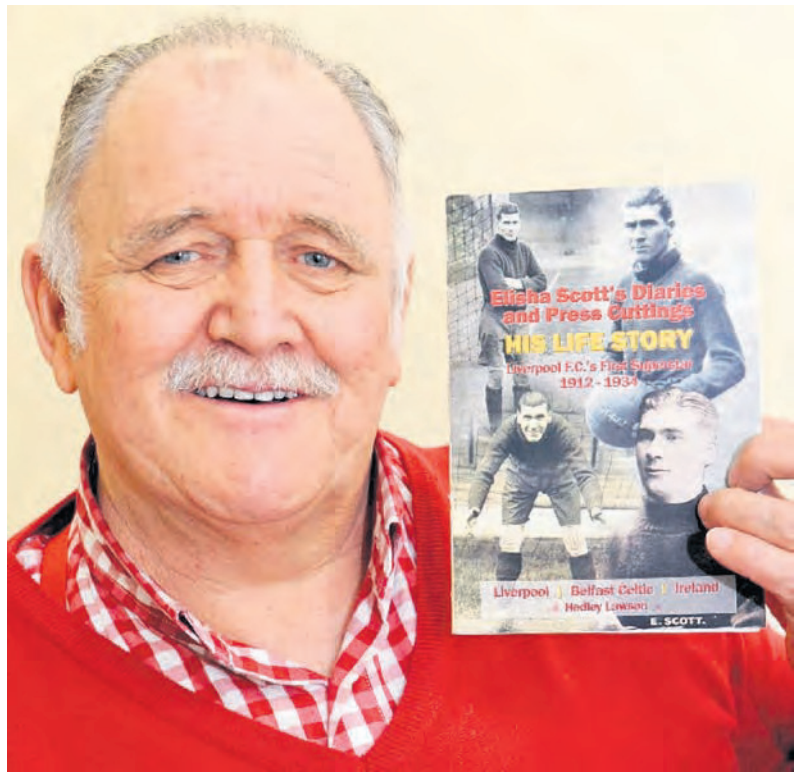

Hedley with his tribute to Elisha Scott. **Code1057181**

Scot Fitzgerald and Jennifer Conder with Inspector Christina Shorrock.

Youngsters hailed for making town 'a better place to live'

Report by **Henry James**

THE community spirit of three youngsters from Skelmersdale has been recognised at The High Sheriff's Young Citizen Award night.

Scot Fitzgerald, 21, Jennifer Conder, 18, and Lydia Moore, 16, were all nominated for their voluntary work in the town and they came away with commended and highly commended certificates from the event, held at Lancashire Constabulary headquarters in Hutton.

All of the young people are members of Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) and have been involved in staging conferences, and fund raising events. High Sheriff, Jeremy Gorick, said: "Young people can sometimes get a bad press because, often, the majority are let down by the actions of a few.

"I am delighted to be able to reverse that trend and celebrate and promote the young people's achievements. The Young Citizen Awards are a fantastic way to highlight the valuable contribution that young people make to the communities in which they live."

Inspector Christina Shorrock from West Lancashire police added: "It was an honour to see Lydia, Scot and Jennifer recognised. They have been working in the community making Skelmersdale a better and safer place to live."

MP continues her fight for town to have a railway station

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper MP for West Lancashire is continuing her fight for the town to have a railway station and spoke about her campaign on BBC Radio Merseyside.

She appeared on the radio station on Wednesday, March 27 and mentioned that Skelmersdale is the second largest town in the North West without a railway station.

After the programme she told the Champion: "At every opportunity I make the case for a railway station in Skelmersdale town centre whether in the newspapers, on the radio or in Parliament.

"Delivering a new railway station will not happen overnight. It requires a lot of hard work over a period of time. Therefore we need to maintain a high profile for a railway station in Skelmersdale.

"The Government keeps looking for 'shovel–ready' schemes to fund and because the work hasn't been done to prepare a scheme West Lancashire loses out.

MP Rosie Cooper – fighting for a railway station for town

"I continue to work with Merseytravel on this scheme. In recent months we have seen progress between Merseytravel and Lancashire County Council jointly funding a feasibility study.

"Local residents can do their part by adding their name to my petition campaign.

"I am determined to see this railway station delivered. The people of Skelmersdale need it; they deserve it; and have waited long enough for it."

You can sign Rosie Cooper's petition by visiting her website: www.rosiecooper.net/a–railway–station–for–skelmersdale

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MP voices concerns to minister over 'lack of openness' at One Connect

Report by **David Simister**

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has raised concerns over transparency at One Connect Limited, a partnership between BT and Lancashire County Council, with Local Government minister Eric Pickles in the Parliament.

Ms Cooper said: "What steps is the Secretary of State taking to ensure that all councillors on both authorities will not be prevented from exercising their fiduciary duty to their council tax payers under the guise of commercial confidentiality?

"Will he investigate the openness and transparency of those arrangements in relation to the use of public moneys?"

Mr Pickles described One Connect as "a very good thing" but said he was happy to investigate further any issues about its transparency.

He said: "I have actually visited that site and that venture of co–operation.

Eric Pickles visited One Connect in Ormskirk last December.

It is a very good thing, and I think it will help out the process.

"If the honourable lady has a particular problem about a lack of transparency in relation to the importance of councillors ensuring that their constituents are treated fairly, I will happily look into it."

Ms Cooper said she welcomed Mr Pickles' comment and added that she was concerned by a "creeping veil of secrecy in public services."

She added: "For months I've been concerned about the lack of openness, transparency and publicly available information about the agreement between One Connect Limited, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council.

"Whenever questions are asked about the contract, services, performance or staffing issues you are met with the brick wall of 'commercial confidentiality.'

"I have no view on whether One Connect is providing a good level of service.

"We don't know the answers because they refuse to provide any information. Yet this is a service funded by the council taxpayers.

"It is their money and they deserve to know how their money is being spent."

No one from One Connect was available for a comment.

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How Olympic hero Jim's boxing legacy helped hundreds of town's youngsters

Report by **Henry James**

FORMER boxer Jim Lloyd, who died of a suspected heart attack at the age of 73 last week, has been hailed for his work with the community in Skelmersdale.

A welterweight bronze medalist at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Lloyd was also the ABA Light middleweight champion in 1962.

The Liverpool born boxer later turned professional and turned his attention to coaching when he moved to Skelmersdale in 1967.

Lloyd helped set up Skelmersdale Amateur Boxing Club at the town's sports centre in 1969 with his friend Councillor Terry Alderidge who described his death as a "loss to the local community."

Councillor Aldridge added: "Jim was a genuine bloke, and very well respected in amateur boxing circles.

"He never boasted about his achievements.

"His death is a loss to the local community."

The club ran for 30 years and later became Birch Green Boxing club.

Cllr Aldridge added: "Over the years, hundreds of youngsters must have learned how to box at Skem ABC. Those young people learnt comradeship, discipline and respect for other people."

In an interview to the Champion in 2004 Lloyd spoke of his pride at winning an Olympic medal and said that competing at the Rome Olympics in 1960 was like "being in a dream."

He said: "It was a phenomenal experience and to receive the bronze medal was the icing on the cake," adding that he also saw a young Cassius Clay at the Rome Games who went on to win a gold medal in the light–heavyweight division.

He went on to describe Skelmersdale in the late 1960s as like "living in a little Liverpool with a new town atmosphere."

His funeral was held yesterday (Tuesday, April 2) at St Helens Crematorium.

Jim Lloyd pictured with his Olympic bronze medal.

Residents speak out both in support and against decision to allow Walkers to erect wind turbine

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS have spoken out both in support and against the Planning Inspectorate's decision to allow Walkers Crisps to erect a 125–metre wind turbine in the town.

The announcement by the Inspectorate to grant the application for the turbine at Walkers' base in Pennine Place, Skelmersdale comes almost a year after it was rejected by West Lancashire councillors.

Following the Inspectorate's announcement The Champion was contacted by a number of people.

G. Arkinstall of Skelmersdale wrote by email: "The wind turbine will have a disastrous effect on house prices. It will also create a lot of noise when in operation, and it will only save Walkers 30% of their energy bill and contribute nothing to residents. The Planning Committee rejected this turbine for very good reasons and their decision should be respected."

Chris Gradwell, from Up Holland, also wrote: "I am wondering why we bother to vote in local goverment matters because as soon as the decision goes against the Big Boy, who in this case is Walkers, they go off crying to the Fat Cats down south. They are then given everything they want.

"This 125–metre wind turbine is going to be seen from miles away, spoiling a lovely view."

But Barbara Rodgers wrote in support: "Well done planners someone has seen sense. Wind turbines don't look ugly, electricity pylons do. Wind turbines are good for the environment and as for noise, the M58 can be just as noisy. Walkers only want to build one wind turbine also."

And Carl Brown wrote: "At the end of the day, it is being erected in an industrial estate, already an eyesore anyway. It could also help save local jobs, as well as stated in the article, and help break our hold on reliance of fossil fuels.

"As far as I'm concerned all council properties should have wind turbines and solar panels fitted anyway."

Got an interesting story to tell?
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Clean sweep for pupils at swimming gala

HOLLAND Moor primary school are celebrating after a clean sweep in the Skelmersdale schools annual swimming gala at Nye Bevan.

The event was attended by 21 schools from the SHARES School Sports Association, with Holland Moor taking first place in the boys' and girls' events, were also the overall champions.

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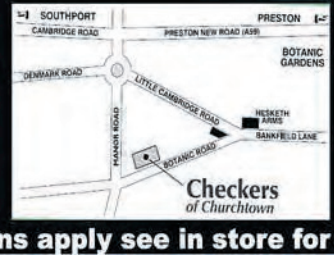

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It's all change for our health services

Report by **Henry James**

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has taken over the responsibility for buying West Lancashire healthcare from NHS Central Lancashire Primary Care Trust.

West Lancashire's CCG is led by the 23 GP practices of the borough and employs 15 members of staff to support the GPs and is based in Ormskirk.

Bosses at the CCG have said they plan to work with local people, their partners in West Lancashire and those partners outside of the area to make effective use of resources. A spokeswoman for the group said: "We will strive to provide the best possible care for our local population and to empower people to be in control of their own health and health care services."

The CCG serves a community of 109,000 people in Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and surrounding communities.

Mike Maguire, chief officer of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commented: "We have five GPs and other health experts involved in the organisation, and it's that clinical knowledge that will be one of the key differences to commissioning.

"We will use that medical knowledge to help make the right decisions for patients and by doing so, will boost the quality, safety and choice of health services for everyone in West Lancashire.

Vital

"As well as the GPs, we also have a member of the board who looks at getting patients and public involved in our organisation – something that is absolutely vital as we are committed to making sure everyone can share their views on their own local healthcare."

The CCG's health priorities centre around: preventing people from dying prematurely, enhancing quality of life for people with long–term conditions, ensuring patients have a positive experience of care, assisting local people with recovery from episodes of ill health/injury and making sure the people of West Lancashire are treated in a safe environment with appropriate systems in place to ease their patient journey.

Locally the CCG aims to address a number of targets, such as reducing admission to paediatrics, reducing length of stay for dementia admissions in acute hospitals and reducing admissions within 30 days for long term conditions.

West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are to host several open public events in West Lancashire to meet with the local community. To find out more about these log onto www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk

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Angry residents make their opposition clear to the Wigan Athletic plans.

Residents in rage at football club's green belt plans

Controversial move to turn land into a training facility for Premier league club should be booted into touch, say protesters

Protesters at a recent meeting Code NA

RESIDENTS in a West Lancashire village are raging against controversial plans by a premiership football club to build a new training facility on their doorstep... on green belt land.

The villagers have set up a new campaign group, called W–RAGE, which stands for Wrightington Residents Against Greenbelt Erosion in opposition to plans by Wigan Athletic FC to build a new training facility on land behind Wrightington Hotel and Country Club.

The move has also angered West Lancashire Labour Group leader John Fillis who has called on Wigan Athletic to build the new football training academy in Skelmersdale.

Cllr Fillis has said: "Skelmersdale has the land, the road network that would accommodate such a facility as well as the capability to expand."

A W–RAGE spokesperson said this week: "There has been overwhelming opposition to these proposals.

"Premier League Clubs such as Manchester City are developing their training facilities to regenerate brownfield or derelict sites which improves the areas. Wigan Athletic Football Club's investment should be encouraged but not when they are choosing to build on farmland in a rural village behind a hotel owned by the football club's owner, business tycoon and Parbold resident Dave Whelan.

"Sadly, despite out attempts to maintain dialogue with the club, Wigan Athletic are now refusing to speak to residents opposed to their plans and we feel as if they just want to steamroller the community to get their way."

The club is due to submit a full planning application for the scheme to the borough council in the coming weeks, but has already been engaged in a pre–planning consultation with the local authority and has held a meeting in the village to inform residents of its plans.

A pre–planning statement made available to residents by Wigan FC said that the club's existing Christopher Park facilities were simply not big enough to accommodate all of the Category 1 Academy requirements, and that it is looking to provide a modern first team facility to compete with other Premier League clubs.

The statement reads: "Whilst (Wigan Athletic) can accommodate a lot of the elements required at Christopher Park including a proposed new indoor pitch, artificial pitch, floodlighting and changing rooms, the site cannot accommodate the accommodation necessary for the older academy age groups nor the professional squad which needs to find a home elsewhere.

After looking at a number of sites in and around Wigan, the Wrightington site was identified given its location, suitability and availability to provide the development by the middle of 2014, the deadline the Premier League has established for the facilities to be in place.

"A planning application is being prepared for the site and will be submitted shortly to West Lancashire Borough Council. The club has already held a consultation evening at the Wrightington Hotel which was very well attended. Many residents did however express concern about the proposals. The club has decided to put the most up to date plans on Signet Planning's website for residents who both attended the evening and those that did not, to look at. There is the opportunity to comment on them using the consultation part of our website. We have also sent a number of hard copies of the plans and accompanying documents to the parish council for those who do not have internet access."

The club also added that the size and the height of the proposed pavilion had been reduced, along with the extent of the car park, in response to objections from residents.

Members of W–RAGE have also been given the backing of borough MP Rosie Cooper, who said: "Residents are clear they feel this is the wrong development in the wrong location for the wrong reasons. I am working with W–RAGE to ensure that their voices are heard and their concerns are not ignored by the Club or the Borough Council.

"It is the residents who will have to live with the consequences of a development of this size and of this nature sited in the Greenbelt. We can't have developments which affect an entire community for the convenience of one individual and their interests."

Creative project helps pupils transform subway

The Lathom pupils who worked on the project.

PUPILS from Lathom High School and Our Lady Queen of Peace have been helping to transform the walls of a subway near the schools.

The schools were invited to take part in a project by the county council and the youth group UthinkCiC to help to inspire them to think about creative learning on their journey to school and make the subway become a place that young people can be proud of.

Gary Pate of UthinkCiC delivered the first workshop at Lathom school to decide which designs and creations would suit the area.

£1m building project set to boost economy

West Lancashire Borough Council plans to launch a new £1.25million building project in Skelmersdale.

The Greenshoots Project, which will replace four ageing buildings at Gorsey Place with eleven new 'green' units, has been approved.

Tory Councillor Adrian Owens, portfolio holder for Regeneration, said: "Businesses are keen to have modern, green, low carbon premises and these new units will be ideal for their needs.

"By creating smaller attractive units it is likely that the economy of Skelmersdale will improve as companies stay and develop. The project will only go ahead when enough companies agree to occupy the units and their particular needs can be adequately catered for.

The council is confident this project will prove to be as successful as the Greenhey Court scheme undertaken 10 years ago which has remained fully let at all times and hope that letting the new units will help with the successful regeneration of Skelmersdale.

The final cost of the scheme is estimated to be £1.25m, although this figure may be lower once the project is complete.

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Red Rum presented with his cake by Ginger McCain. Picture: RON ELLIS

When Rummy celebrated his 21st birthday party...

...in Lathom!

AHEAD of this weekend's Grand National, The Champion has uncovered photographs of Red Rum's 21st birthday party.

Held in the grounds of The Rookery at Hall Lane in Lathom, a crowd of guests and celebrities turned up to toast the champion's birthday in 1986.

Music for the party was supplied by the DJ at the time, the Champion's Ron Ellis.

Ron also played in Blackpool when Red Rum switched on the Illuminations in 1977.

Cards from well–wishers decorated the sides of the marquee and there was an address book for guests to sign.

Two cakes were donated by Memory Lane Cakes Ltd and Spillers Horse Feeds. One, an oat–based confection shaped like a horseshoe with carrots replacing the candles, was presented to Red Rum by Ginger McCain. The horse devoured it in seconds.

Red Rum was well known for his socialising and was a regular at the Carlton Pub on Lord Street, which was formerly the Red Rum bar.

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Catherine Shawarby receives her award

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Last year, Birch Green's general manager Catherine Shawarby walked away with the Care Manager award at the annual National Care Awards, beating top care organisations and businesses in the country.

And Birch Green has been named a 'solid gold' home by The Gold Standards Framework (GSF), one of the UK's leading care quality organisations setting out best practice for caring for people approaching the end of their lives – a 'gold standard of care.'

Meanwhile, the inspiring, engaging activities at Birch Green provides a full calendar for its residents.

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To this end, Birch Green has appointed a dementia champion to lead therapies which focus on reducing medication, with staff member Liz Johnson leading the nine month FITS (Focused Intervention Training and Support) project run in conjunction with the University of Worcester and the Alzheimer's Society.

Meanwhile, experienced carer Janette Holt is taking healthy eating to new levels, becoming Birch Green's own nutrition advocate, as a dedicated service for people with dementia.

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Grant joy for gallery

Report by **Henry James**

Lottery cash will help boost creative events programme

STAFF at The Chapel Gallery in Ormskirk are aiming to put on an 'explosion of creativity' with the help of a £9,000 National Lottery grant from the Arts Council of England.

West Lancs Council says that the successful funding application will help bring about an "exciting creative events programme" to the town centre over the coming months.

These will be led by artist Angie Thompson whose work will focus on the heritage of Ormskirk and opportunities for development.

From April, groups will be working with professional artists through the gallery to learn new skills and create their own work. These are Learning Stars, which is a group of adults with learning difficulties and West Lancashire Community High pupils.

The Chapel Gallery will be working with people with visual impairments from Galloway's West Lancashire to increase their access to arts and culture.

These projects will begin in April and provide great opportunities for all those who participate to learn new skills and create their own work. All the work created will go on display in the gallery at a later date.

Councillor David Sudworth, portfolio holder for leisure, said: "We are very pleased to have received this National Lottery grant from the Arts Council of England which will help us organise some great new events."

There is to be a 'Re Imagine Your High Street' event on Saturday, April 13. To take part, meet at the Chapel Gallery at 10.30am for the morning session and 1.30pm for the afternoon session.

To find out more visit the Chapel Gallery and meet the artists in action including Angie Thompson. She is currently drawing images of market traders and local business people.

The council–run gallery currently has three artists in residence who will be there until April 27.

Julie James Turner, who works with textiles, Angie Thompson and Louise Wood, who works in 3D ceramics, are all displaying their work as part of the Making It Two exhibition. They will be available to discuss their work with visitors to the gallery.

Chance to see acclaimed Chinese guitarist in concert

MUSIC lovers are being given the chance to see a performance by an acclaimed Chinese guitarist when she plays at a concert in West Lancashire next week.

Organisers of the Douglas Music initiative, which holds a series of musical performances at the village hall in Parbold, said their next guest will be classical guitarist Xuefei Yang, who will be on stage from 7.45pm on Saturday, April 6.

A spokesman for Douglas Music said this week: "Fei enjoys a truly international career, performing worldwide as a soloist, and with leading orchestras. She has collaborated with Sir James Galway and after Parbold, in the next two months, she travels to perform in Italy, Atlanta & Minneapolis in the US, then Spain, and finally back to the UK where she is now based.

"She is a musical pioneer. Born in Beijing, she was the first–ever guitarist in China to enter Beijing's Central Conservatoire of Music, and became the first Chinese guitarist to launch an international professional career."

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To April 15, the Dock will be bustling in celebration of all things Easter, chocolate eggs and spring.

They are hosting an 'Albert Dock Easter Egg Hunt' where kids pick up a clue sheet from the Visitor Information Centre and then hunt for colourful, Easter–themed baskets of chocolate eggs that are hidden in 10 venues around the dock.

Once they locate a basket, they are rewarded with a handful of chocolate eggs.

And the Tate Liverpool are inviting visitors to create different looks and personas in an exciting costume–making workshop with artist, Sarah Marsh.

Sarah will also help you to experiment with geometric body stencils using body paint and glitter. A camera and projector will also be set up in the studio for you to flaunt your 70's style.

The Beatles Story with Stand Up Beatles are also offering a chance to get creative where you get to create your very own stand–up Beatles character.

Easter at Albert Dock

Jeremy Roberts, Chairman of the Albert Dock Tenants Business Association, said: "Easter is always a great time to visit Albert Dock. We have plenty of things going on for the whole family to enjoy during the holiday. Spring is in the air and hopefully it will bring the sunshine as well."

And they are giving one family from Skelmersdale the chance to win a meal for a family of four at PanAm as well as a family of four ticket to The Beatles Story.

All you have to do is answer the following question:

Which artist will be helping visitors recreate a 1970's persona at the Tate Liverpool.

Send your answers to 'Editorial Albert Dock Competition' Clare House, 166 Lord Street, Southport, PR9 0QA.

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Children have a right to a mother

Re: Marriage is Irrelevant to a Decent Upbringing letter, Champion, March 20.

The vast majority of the population of Britain, including myself, feel that top of the list of human rights should be the right of every child to have a mother, as nature, not ideology intended, and to experience the love and affection that only a mother can give.

Unfortunately the social engineering being carried by a tiny minority and supported by individuals like the letter writer, is now removing the right of children, in certain circumstances, to have a mother.

This is nothing short of criminal action against the child and against nature.

A Swift,
Address provided

Community was ignored over Walkers wind turbine proposal

I am writing to express my uttermost disgust at the decision of the bureaucrats to allow the erection a 125metre wind turbine on the site of Walkers crisps in Skelmersdale.

When local residents first heard about this project we pulled together as a community to express our thoughts and feelings and the impact it would have if it went ahead.

On the night of the hearing in the council offices the community were well represented and three people were allowed to express their feelings on behalf of the community.

All but one councillor in that room voted against the monstrosity being erected.

Around 720 letters of objection had been received and a booklet containing hundreds of pages of scientific evidence of the dangers to people's health etc was presented.

These bureaucrats, who know nothing about the people of Skelmersdale and care nothing about them, are allowed to overturn this decision.

They visited the Walkers site and didn't bother to speak to the local residents.

Sheila Horridge,
Disillusioned resident.

Good for the environment

Well done to the planners on the Walkers wind turbine decision.

Someone has seen sense. They don't look ugly like electricity pylons. They are good for the environment, and as for noise, the M58 can be just as noisy.

Barbara Rodgers, By email

Decision to close the school not taken lightly

Re: School should have showed Common Sense and Stayed Open letter.

I imagine that every headteacher in the country had seen the weather forecast on Thursday, March 21 and realised they would have a decision to make on the Friday morning.

I was in school by 7am that morning. At that point the snow was falling heavily and the BBC forecast was for this to continue until 1pm, followed by lighter snow for the remainder of the day.

Five of my staff had already phoned school to say that they were unable to come into school because of transport difficulties (they were travelling from the Wirral where the snow had been considerably worse overnight) or because their own child's school had closed unexpectedly.

I was unable to cover their classes and would have had to supervise a large group of students in the school hall.

My site staff were clearing and gritting paths, but the snow was covering them as fast as they could clear.

The ground was extremely treacherous. I was keenly aware of the difficulties I could give if I opened the school, forced everyone to come in through poor and potentially dangerous conditions, and then closed it again two hours or so later.

Following consultation with my chair of governors I took the decision to close the school.

That seemed the most sensible course of action at the time.

It might interest your correspondent to know that in January, Ormskirk School was the only West Lancashire secondary school to remain open in similar conditions and that only one parent has contacted me about the decision to close last Friday.

It was not a decision that was taken lightly.

In similar circumstances in future I would do exactly the same.

John Doyle,
Headteacher, Ormskirk School.

PICTURE of the week

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Through the goodwill of the Champion I wish to thank all who came to my aid when I fell on Lord Street in Southport on February 28.

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Thank you to the doctor and nurse for their good care to me and A&E in Southport Hospital.

Also, thanks to all the kind people who helped me at the place of my fall.

I am very grateful.

Winifred Mayor,
Scarisbrick

Let's vote for Jim Sharpe to help us get our values back on track!

I look forward to my favourite paper The Champion every week and one of the articles I enjoy reading is 'One Man and his Dog,' by Jim Sharpe.

This man talks so much sense and speaks for us all, especially the older readers like myself who were children at the end of the last war.

We didn't expect anything for nothing and we were glad to go to work.

We got married first, had our children, helped them to a better education, bought our own homes and saved for retirement (if we reached it). Now this Government and councillors can't think of enough ways and excuses to take everything off us that give us a better life or gives us small pleasures, for example, now our libraries.

We have our vote to use. Next time let us vote for Jim to represent us.

I for one would give him all the help to get started, having had 30 years in a business I built from scratch and little money.

Let us get our values back on track along with our local newspaper and make it a world we want to live in before everyone leaves to emigrate.

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Ms McAsey, Southport.

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Patron of Beating Bowel Cancer

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Headteacher of Marshside Primary School Katharine Hall with pupils Rianna, Matthew, Tayla and George.

School is 'back on track' says Ofsted

A SOUTHPORT primary school has been praised by Ofsted inspectors a year after it was warned to improve.

Marshside Primary School was judged to be struggling early last year, but returning inspectors declared that the school, now under a new senior leadership team, is 'back on track.'

Headteacher Katharine Hall said: "We are pleased with Ofsted's recognition of our progress over the last 12 months and for their confirmation that we are heading in the right direction.

"This inspection report paves the way for further improvement.

"We are under no illusions about the task still facing Marshside to ensure consistently high achievement by our pupils.

"Children, staff, parents and governors are working incredibly hard. We are committed to achieving the best possible outcome for our pupils."

The latest Ofsted report says: "Good leadership and management, spearheaded by the headteacher, have been central to the school getting back on track and out of a category of concern.

"Much has been accomplished to turn things around and get the school back to this point."

See which way the wind blows before closing power stations

A FORTNIGHT ago we lost two of our remaining coal fired power stations – victims of an EU pollution directive.

At the same time some Government wonk named Ed Davey (so–called Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change) announced a mish–mash of new 'initiatives' which, he claimed, would by some alchemy result in us being better off despite adding £300 to the average family fuel bill by 2020.

In fact he managed to pinpoint this to exactly £166 a year – which considering no–one can even tell us what the weather will be like next week is really going some.

And on April 1, the fools who run this country are to impose a new 'carbon tax' on the coal fired power plants that linger on effectively to double their cost of production and make the silly wind farms look almost cheap – which they are not.

Add to this that the headlong 'dash for gas' forty years ago has blown up spectacularly – and again expensively – in our faces and you might just think that our blinkered politicians are being just a tad silly.

Even green Germany has plans to build – yes, build – 20 new coal fired power stations to ensure their lights and cookers don't go out at the same time as ours, while China and India plan hundreds of the things and you can see where I am heading.

And it's all being done in an attempt to 'Save the Planet' – though I wonder which planet these people are on – Zog, perhaps.

And all this is based on computer predictions. You know, the same ones that a few years ago reckoned we were heading for a new Ice Age.

But they abandoned their ice sledge for a passing Global Warming bandwagon that happened to be passing.

And now that the wheels are rapidly falling off that one, they have joined the queue for the catch–all Climate Change roller coaster.

I have no idea whether the climate truly is changing – though I suspect it is.

But personally I would like to see exactly what the next decade brings before deciding in which direction the wind really is blowing, so to speak, before deciding what to do about it.

I'm all for green technologies that will save us money and at the same time cut pollution.

If the unhappy Mr Davey would like to introduce all his shiny new measures to save energy and energy bills – without the draconian threats and additional 'green taxes' and certainly without the windmills on a grand scale – then good.

I know I have been accused of being silly – and worse – for my views on this subject.

But if it is silly to hope to be able to afford to heat and light and to cook in my own home, then I'm proud to be silly.

But if those views are silly, then what adjective could any sane person attach to a herd of donkeys who are blindly leading this country into having the highest fuel bills in Europe.

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Drama students make a winning bow in county road safety competition

The winning Glenburn team Code NA

Report by **Henry James**

DRAMA students at a local college are celebrating after winning a competition aimed at highlighting road safety issues.

Members of the Glenburn Sports College Year 10 GCSE drama group came out tops in the Road Safety Campaign competition organised by Lancashire County Council.

The all–girl Glenburn group had to create a piece of Theatre in Education and their submission was about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol.

This is the first time all high schools in Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire had been given the opportunity to enter this drama competition.

The students worked with their drama teacher Caroline Harrison to undertake extensive research and devised a piece of theatre, which was performed in school rehearsals and was delivered to a set of judges in a round of heats.

The piece successfully passed through the heats and was judged by representatives from the county council, professional actors and fire, police, and ambulance services professionals.

The grand final was held at Preston Guild Hall's Charter Theatre in front of a sell–out crowd and the Glenburn group were one of six schools to perform on the evening.

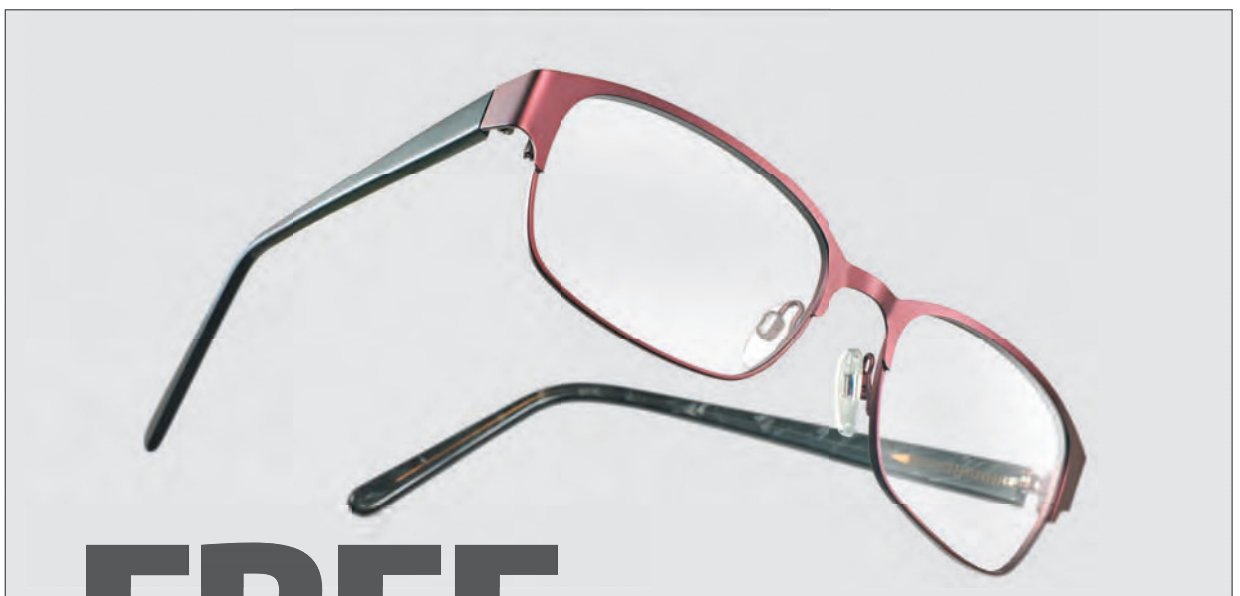
A spokeswoman for Glenburn Sports College said: "They delivered their performance to a huge audience while competing against other high schools to address road safety issues. The Glenburn performance was both moving and comic while getting a serious message across to the audience.

"When Glenburn Sports College were announced as the winners of the competition, the whole auditorium cheered, clapped and showed their appreciation."

Miss Harrison added: "The performance went without a hitch and the group won the competition which was outstanding. Teachers, students and families from Glenburn were on their feet with pride.

"The girls won a huge trophy and £500 for the school which will be spent on a theatre trip to London as part of their GCSE studies."

Karen Ingham, deputy headteacher at Glenburn Sports College, added: "Our students gave a really powerful performance of a piece that had such an important message regarding the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol. We're all really proud of them."



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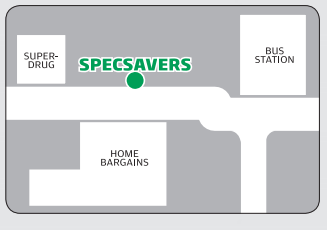

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Family firm making 'beefy' impact on fashion followers

Beccy Tipton (left) and Jade Geoghegan show off some of the designs which have helped their recently–launched company, Bovine Vintage make a hit. Code1057545

Report by **David Simister**

TWO cousins who used their love of cows as inspiration for setting up a clothing company were one of the hits at the Southport Fashion Show.

Last month The Champion reported how the fashion–loving pair, 26–year–old Beccy Tipton, who formerly worked for Skelmersdale charity, Twinkle House, and 32–year–old Jade Geoghegan, a former carer, had created Bovine Vintage.

The company, specialising in vintage and retro fashion, had attracted enquiries from across the globe and their success encouraged the co–founders to take along their wares to the resort's popular show in a bid to attract the attentions of more fashion–conscious visitors.

The family–run firm has already collected more than 600 'likes' on social media website, Facebook, with enquiries coming in from around the world.

The pair collect and customise vintage and retro clothes, including from their own extensive collections built up over many years, and sell them on to fashion–conscious consumers.

They also design their own artwork and stage fashion shoots in West Lancashire locations to help promote their distinctive clothing.

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West Lancs mayor receives Diamond Jubilee sculpture

A SCULPTURE commissioned to honour the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has been presented to the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Paul Greenall.

A sculpture of Queen Elizabeth II was commissioned last year by Lancashire County Council, along with 12 others – one for each district council across the county. These were officially handed over to councils during an event hosted by the chairman of Lancashire County Council, John Shedwick.

The official presentations were made by the leader of the county council, Geoff Driver, to the mayors and mayoresses from each district council.

Delivery of the sculptures will be taking place over the next few weeks. The overall aim is that the sculptures will then go on public display at town halls across Lancashire.

County Councillor Driver, said: "We're pleased that every district council within Lancashire will have a permanent sculpture to recognise the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Lancashire has traditionally had strong links with the Queen, in her role as Duke of Lancaster."

The first bust has already taken pride of place on County Hall's committee floor, alongside the newly–restored bust of Queen Victoria, which was created in 1897 to commemorate her own Diamond Jubilee.

The commission was carried out by local artist Peter Hodgkinson, whose previous works include the Splash statue of Sir Tom Finney at Preston North End, and a life–size bronze statue of LS Lowry in Manchester.

Don't miss out on your chance to have a say

THE borough council has sent a reminder to residents not to lose their chance to vote in the elections on Thursday, May 2.

On that day there are elections for Lancashire County Council and for the Digmoor Ward in Skelmersdale on West Lancs Borough Council.

Gill Rowe, the Electoral Registration officer, said: "Thursday, May 2 is the chance for residents to have their say at the local elections. We want everyone eligible to vote to be able to do so.

"Anyone who has moved house in the past few months needs to register with their new address.

"We're also keen for anyone turning 18 on or before May 2 to make sure they are registered, so they can vote for the first time."

The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 17 .

Call 01695 585018 to order a registration form, or you can print one off from www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or www.westlancs.gov.uk/elections.

The deadline to apply for a postal vote and for changes to existing proxy votes is also Wednesday, April 17.

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Freeview* services may be subject to disruption on Wednesday 10 April. Services should return to normal by late afternoon. If at this stage you find you are still missing channels, retune using your remote control to get them back.

For help with retuning or to check predicted changes to your TV reception, go to **digitaluk.co.uk/granada** or call **08456 50 50 50**.**

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Sky–high lesson on offer to schools

THERE'S still time for West Lancs headteachers to nominate their schools for a lesson with a difference – courtesy of budget airline, Monarch.

The company is looking to give Year 7 to Year 9 pupils from three school across the North West a chance to take part in the special learning experience on Wednesday, April 24.

Jetting off from Manchester Airport, the lucky youngsters will enjoy a Shakespeare–inspired flight to learn the real story of Romeo and Juliet in Verona, complemented by an acting lesson during the flight.

Kevin George, managing director of Monarch Airlines, said: "All schools that enter the competition will be considered and we are looking forward to receiving lots of entries."

Headteachers can nominate their schools at www.monarch.co.uk/offers/flights /win–the–best–day–trip–ever – but hurry, the closing date for entries is Friday, April 5!

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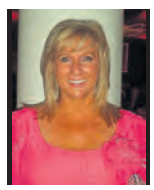

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Don't be blind to danger of blinds. . .

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

PARENTS across West Lancashire are being urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving chains and cords within the reach of young children.

The British Blind and Shutter Association (BBSA) used the Easter school holidays as an ideal time raise awareness of leaving window blind cords or chains within reach of young children.

According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, in the last 13 years 25 children, most of them under the age of three, have tragically died after becoming accidently entangled in window blind cords or chains.

The BBSA's 'Make It Safe' campaign urges parents, grandparents and carers to examine every blind in the home, especially in children's bedrooms.

If any have a looped control chain or cord then make sure there is a safety device to keep the cord or chain securely tidied away out of the reach of babies and young children.

These safety devices are of a low–cost and are easy to retrofit, so you do not have to wait until you replace a blind to improve its safety.

The campaign is supported by mother–of–three Rachael Maynard.

In 2011 Rachel's life was turned upside down when her young daughter Megan, almost died after becoming entangled in a window blind cord while playing in her bedroom.

Rachael said: "It was every parent's worst nightmare.

"I left Megan happily playing in her bedroom and when I went back to check on her, I found her hanging from the window blind cord. She had stopped breathing altogether.

"Megan spent four days in hospital on a life support machine before we knew she was going to recover."

For more information, tips and advice on how to improve safety of your window blinds visit www.makeitsafe.org.uk

Helpers needed for Fells project

ORGANISERS of a project set up to combat wear and tear caused by millions of walkers on the Lake District's upland paths are appealing for West Lancs residents to get involved.

Fix the Fells is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, ranging from surveying to maintenance and repairs to monitoring and landscaping.

Lake District National Park Authority volunteer co–ordinator, Tim Duckmanton said it was a brilliant opportunity for people to get fit, be sociable and put something back into the area's world–famous hills.

He said: "This beats the gym any day. Our lengthsmen volunteers have a fantastic, free, fitness regime in spectacular locations and do invaluable work into the bargain. The aim is to repair and avert damage to our often fragile paths, where erosion is a particular and long–running problem. Our volunteers make a huge difference to the fells.

"We ask that volunteers work a minimum of 12 days a year, but after that, times are flexible and people can give as much time as they like."

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Tim Duckmanton on 01539 792674 or email tim.duckmanton@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Retuning alert to Freeview watchers in borough

Report by
Stephanie O'Connor

Channels set to move frequencies on April 10

FREEVIEW viewers across the borough will need to retune their TV equipment on Wednesday, April 10 as local airwaves are cleared for the roll–out of faster mobile broadband.

Changes at the transmitters serving Lancashire, Liverpool, Manchester, Cheshire and North Staffordshire will free up frequencies to enable the future launch of fourth–generation mobile services.

Around three million homes in the North West will be affected.

TV services will be subject to disruption from midnight as some channels – including BBC 1, ITV 1, Channel 4, Channel 5 and Dave – are moved to new frequencies.

Choice

Work at the main Winter Hill and Saddleworth transmitters is expected to be completed by 6am and viewers can retune at any point after this.

Services at other local transmitters may be off–air until late afternoon.

Once these resume, anyone missing channels should retune their TV or digital box to get them back.

Some homes can receive signals from transmitters in both England and Wales, giving them a choice of regional or national services.

These viewers may need to use the manual retune option on their equipment to bring preferred channels to the top of their programme guide.

David Scott, chief executive of Digital UK, said: "It's a good idea to retune your Freeview TV or box regularly to make sure your channel list is up to date. It usually only takes a few minutes but if anyone is unsure what to do, there's plenty of information available on our website or from our advice line team."

Viewers can check the TV services predicted to be available at their address both now and in the future by using the coverage checker at digitaluk.co.uk

Don't buy pets as presents, says RSPCA

ALTHOUGH the recent Easter holidays may have prompted visions of fluffy bunnies, the RSPCA is urging people not to buy pets as presents.

Rachel Roxburgh, who works for the charity, says pet–buyers need to consider the long–term needs of rabbits and other animals that they take home.

Easter is synonymous with fluffy bunnies and some people even consider buying a rabbit as a gift around this time of year.

Despite being hugely popular pets, the needs of rabbits are commonly misunderstood, leading to many rabbits suffering and not having a good quality of life.

Rachel said that at the RSPCA they see the consequences of thousands of pets being bought without the buyer first looking into whether they can meet the specific needs of those animals, leading to abandonments or people expecting animal charities to pick up the pieces when they decide they can no longer look after them.

She said: "Anyone thinking of getting rabbits should first carefully decide whether they have the time, money and space to look after these animals properly for the whole of their lives.

"They are not easy pets to keep, as they have complex welfare needs which must be met in order for them to live happy, healthy lives."

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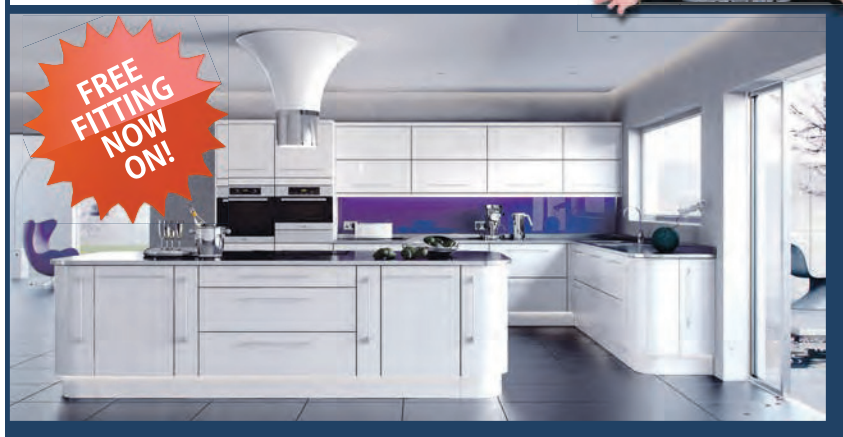

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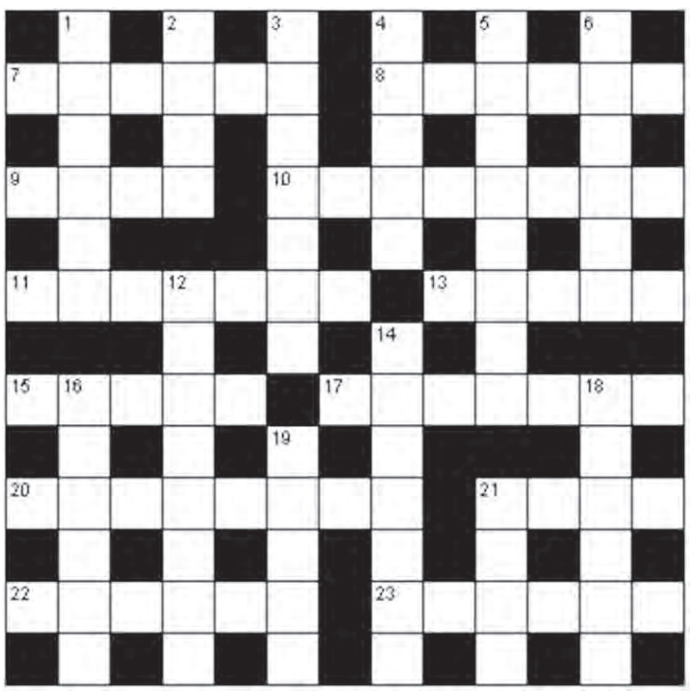

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
Across: 1. Top hat, 4. Closer, 9. Alcohol, 10. Nomad, 11. Menai, 12. Yards, 13. Captain Hook, 17. Stage, 19. Beano, 21. Gecko , 22. Netting, 23. Theist, 24. Stress
Down: 1. Trauma, 2. Pecan, 3. Atheist, 5. Lunar, 6. Sumos, 7. Red Rum, 8. Clay Pigeons, 14. Habitat, 15. Budget, 16. Bongos, 17. Sucre, 18. Atoms, 20. Alive

ACROSS

7. To raise a sensitive subject for discussion (6)
8. Countdown co-presenter ... Riley (6)
9. Unit of length (4)
10. Highly alcoholic beverage (8)
11. Another name for striker in football (7)
13. Bar room fight (5)
15. Exercise helps firm the buttocks (5)
17. Word for your belly or stomach (7)
20. Traditional Catholic prayer (4,4)
21. Thick hairstyle with very tight curls (4)
22. Cat-sized animals that let off horrible smells (6)
23. Cloth used to wipe fingers or lips in meal (6)

DOWN

1. Italian or Spanish word for quick (6)
2. To strike hard or violently (4)
3. Building designed for plays (7)
4. Reaching the top of a hill or wave (5)
5. Outline of a play, scene or story (8)
6. The son of your brother or sister (6)
12. Person that is physically weak (8)
14. Complying with an instruction (7)
16. Fundamental particles in physics (6)
18. Small insect or listening in (6)
19. Flower with yellow disk and white petals (5)
21. Great mountain range stretches across eight countries (4)

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Runners urged to sign up for fourth Belle Vue House 10k

ORGANISERS of an annual fun run to raise money for children with autism are urging runners of all abilities to join in the fun.

The Belle Vue House 10k is a one–lap course over university fields and grounds, roads, rural lanes, footpaths and tracks, starting and finishing at Sporting Edge at Edge Hill University, St Helens Road.

This year's race, on Sunday, April 28th, will be the fourth held by Belle Vue House, an assessment and development centre for children with communication difficuties and specilising in autism spectrum disorders.

Jude Brown, head of Belle Vue House, said: "We are delighted to be organising such a worthwhile event that is not only raising awareness of autism but is helping to raise money for a charity that does such excellent work in helping those with autism."

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the National Autistic Society.

You can now register for this race, supported by the O2 shop in Ormskirk, at www.bellevuehouse.org.uk.

For further details please phone Belle Vue House on 01695 578 558 or email office@bvhcentre.co.uk

TV soccer pundit and former Liverpool star, Alan Hansen starting last year's run. Code NA

Grant boost for county's voluntary groups

Report by
Danielle Thompson

THE Hope House Project in Skelmersdale is among voluntary groups in Lancashire awarded county council grants totalling more than £110,000.

The grants are used to support voluntary, community and faith groups for 13 to 19–year–olds.

Groups providing services for disabled people up to the age of 25 have also been funded.

The Hope House Project plans to spend the money on three laptops for the centre, internet usage and games and to pay for NLP4 Young People's Training.

Their grant application summary states: "Training to NLP (Neuro Linguistic Programming) will help our young people a lot with stressful areas of their lives.

"This training is very much needed because we take weekly lunch sessions in one of the high schools and the amount of bullying we encounter is huge.

Passion

"Better and stronger children and young people are raised with a different view of life knowing that the Young People's Service is helping them and hopefully they will be better citizens and more appreciative of government institutions.

"The health benefit will be stronger, agile, brighter young people with passion to succeed as they will now feel better about themselves and it should raise their attainment as well and desire to succeed in life.

Helping hand for Hope House Project

"The need to use this skill from the NLP training is immense.

"The funding is impacting lives and transforming communities in a big way by supporting events and projects like ours."

Photography groups in Preston, a YMCA on the Fylde Coast, Lancashire School Sailing Association and youth organisations in Ribble Valley and Rossendale are some of the other groups to be given funding.

Grants were handed out in each district and local youth councils made decisions about which applications should be approved.

County Councillor Mark Perks, cabinet member for young people, said: "These groups give young people across the county the chance to take part in a range of activities from photography and youth group activities to equipment to help young people take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

"We wanted young people to have a say in the services provided in their area, which is why we asked youth councils to decide which applications to approve.

"The projects will make an important contribution to each area and I'm pleased the groups and individual young people now have the funding they need to take them forward."

For more information about young people's grants, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/yps

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Doctor is guest at Breathe Easy group meeting

NEXT meeting of the Southport and West Lancs Breathe Easy group for people with breathing and lung problems will be held on Monday, April 15, starting at 11.15am.

Guest speaker will be Dr Tom Bongers, a respiratory physician from Ormskirk and Southport Hospital Trust, who will also answer questions from the audience.

Venue for the meeting is Guide Headquarters in Green Lane, Ormskirk. Ample free parking is available nearby and anyone interested in attending should send an email to trishireland@hotmail.co.uk or call 01704 808891.

Ace prize up for grabs

Chance for golfers to win a luxury watch

IT may not feel like it – with snow and icy winds still featuring in the TV weather bulletins – but summer's on the way and for many thoughts turn to fairways, greens and the chance of recording a coveted hole in one.

Now keen golfers in Sefton who record that elusive 'ace' can win themselves a luxury watch, courtesy of a luxury fashion and style house.

Hugo Boss has manufactured a specially–commissioned, limited–edition timepiece for any golfer lucky enough – or skilful enough –to record a verified hole–in–one between April 15 and October 31 this year. Winners will also receive membership of the exclusive Boss Watches H1 Club, launched in association with the Daily Telegraph and HowDidiDo, a web–based social network for golfers.

Around 1,800 UK golf clubs currently use HowDidiDo and anybody playing in official competitions at one of these will be eligible.

Stephen Brydon, UK sales and marketing director for MGS Distribution, the official licenced UK distributor for Boss Watches, explained: "To the majority of amateur golfers recording a hole–in–one will be the most memorable thing they achieve in golf – yet all many have to show for it is a dent in their bank balance after buying a round of drinks in the clubhouse.

"We aim to make it a lot more memorable for them by presenting them with an exclusive watch, available only to golfers who record a hole–in–one. It will provide a constant reminder of the sight of their ball popping into the hole."

No registration is required to participate in the promotion as all official club competitions are recorded on the HowDidiDo system, so holes–in–one will be noted and automatically ratified by the golfer's club.

The Hugo Boss watch you could win if you record an ace Code NA

HOLE–IN–ONE FACTS

• Actuaries at companies which insure against holes–in–one, known as prize indemnification, have calculated the chance of an average amateur golfer making a hole–in–one at approximately 12,500 to 1. Yet nearly 4,000 aces were recorded in the UK during 2011.

• The odds of a professional golfer making a hole–in–one on a par–three are around 2,500 to 1.

• The chance of a golfer making aces on consecutive par–three holes has been quoted at 156,250,000 to 1 – the chances of winning the National Lottery are a mere 14 million to 1!

• The oldest golfer known to have made a hole–in–one is 102–year–old Elsie McLean who holed out with a driver on the 100–yard fourth hole at Bidwell Park, in Chico, California, in 2007.

• In July 2012, two amateur golfers defied odds of 17 million to 1 by scoring holes–in–one on the same hole while playing in the same foursome, at the Portland Country Club, Maine.

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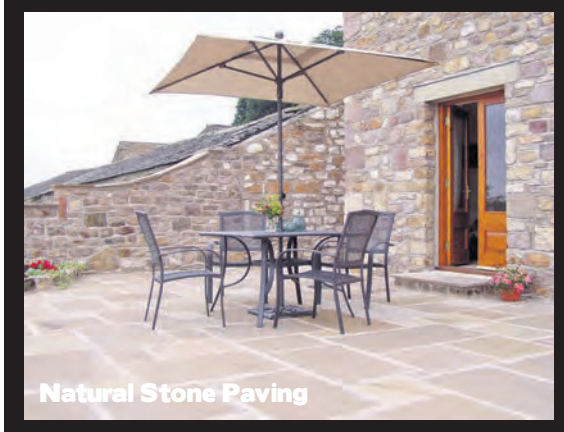

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County in call for volunteers

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE County Council is urging people to come forward as volunteers to help isolated, vulnerable people.

The county's Volunteer Service wants people to think about helping someone else by giving up just a few hours of their time.

Supporting someone can be as simple as a weekly visit for a cup of tea and a chat, or trips out of their home such as going walking or swimming, or a visit to the local library.

A spokesman for the Volunteer Service, said: "There are various reasons why people can become vulnerable – such as social isolation, mental or physical health problems, or because they're the main carer for a friend or relative.

"This can lead to practical difficulties, such as getting out–and–about or carers having time for themselves; as well as bringing about other challenges such as low confidence and reduced social contact.

"That's where volunteers can help – by offering the support of a friendly face and a regular routine to help boost physical and mental health and to relieve some of the pressure felt by families and unpaid carers."

The spokesman suggested that it can be a rewarding and worthwhile way to spend free time.

He said: "Befriending someone in your local community helps them to get more out of life and it could change your life too."

Could you be a friend to a vulnerable or isolated person?

Rachael, who became a volunteer in Lancashire in memory of her grandparents, has been visiting Harry for five months.

She wanted to let others know that they have someone who is there for them and has found that visiting Harry has brought her more than she expected. She said: "I love doing it and it's rewarding."

For Harry's son Ron, his unpaid carer, her weekly two–hour visits have brought peace of mind to both of them.

He said: "It has been wonderful – dad really loves it. It's a different voice and a different ear, also talking about something different."

The Volunteer Service takes care to match volunteers with their partners, so both parties can get the most out of the experience.

If you would like to know more about volunteering support or you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call the Volunteer Service on 01257 516 035, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/volunteer or email volunteer.services@lancashire.gov.uk

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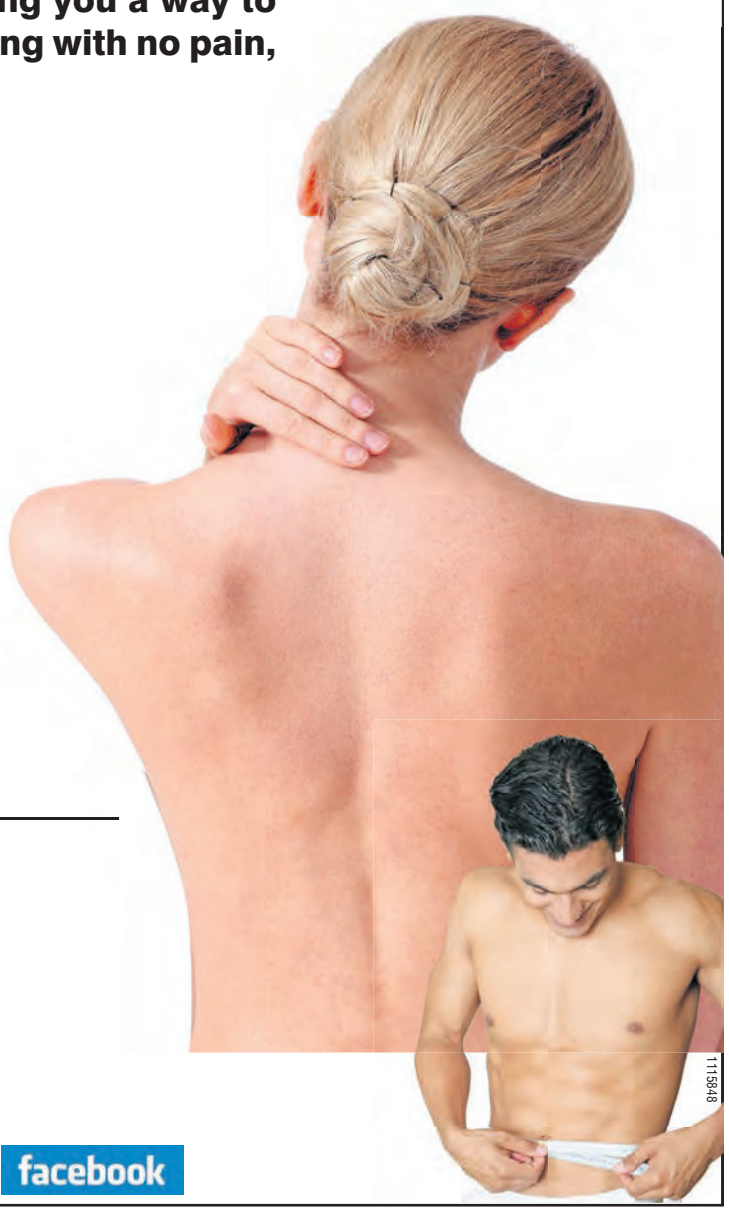

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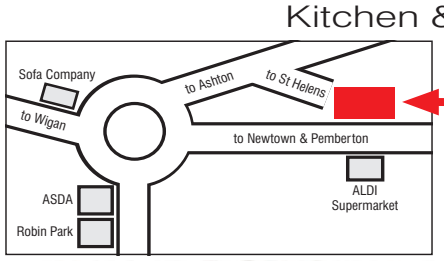

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999 text message service launched

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

IN an emergency you can now text 999 for help.

The police service in Lancashire has re–launched the messaging service under the famous emergency number to contact the police, ambulance, fire and rescue or coastguard if you cannot make a voice call.

Although aimed primarily at people who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech problem, the service can be used by anyone who cannot make a voice call for any reason.

However, you have to be registered to use the service and police are urging people to register now so they can use it immediately when it is needed.

Lives saved

Chief Superintendent and Diversity Champion Bob Eastwood said: "It's important that everybody across Lancashire can contact the police in an emergency.

"Since we started the SMS service in 2009 hundreds of real emergencies have been successfully handled.

"Criminals have been arrested, lives have been saved and babies have been born safely.

"The 999 number is much easier for people to remember which is vital in an emergency.

"If anybody thinks they may need to use the service in the future they must remember to register beforehand, it takes two minutes but could make a real difference.

"However, I would remind people that this should only be used in a real emergency."

To register, simply type the word 'register' to 999, you will then get a reply, then follow the instructions you are sent.

People are advised to follow the following format when sending an emergency SMS:

Who is injured; what service is required; briefly, what is the problem and where, preferably the name of the road, house number, postcode or nearby landmark if possible.

After the first text message is sent the emergency service will either ask for more information or it will tell you that help is on the way.

The service works throughout the UK on all mobile networks, but cannot be used from abroad.

Since September 2009, the emergency SMS service has been available to people across the county who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have a speech problem, using a number unique to Lancashire Constabulary but now you can text the national '999' number. The old Lancashire number is no longer in use.

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Parbold group to stage mystery farce at WI

Report by **Henry James**

PARBOLD'S Douglas Drama Group has announced their Spring production is to be The Murder Room by Jack Sharkey.

The performances will be staged over three consecutive nights, April 25, 26 and 27 at Parbold WI.

The Murder Room is a mystery farce about newly–weds Edgar and Mavis. Two days after the couple's wedding, Edgar finds out that Mavis is being unfaithful. The plot continues from there.

A spokesman for Parbold Douglas Drama Group said: "There's a murder, there's a room – it does exactly what it says on the tin. It's as simple as that. Or is it? It's never simple when an older man takes on a young wife. Throw in an heiress, an American, two policemen, a housekeeper, a bicycle and a dead cat, although not all at the same time, and you'll get the general gist. Another three nights of rip–roaring fun and intrigue."

Doors open at 7pm and the curtain is up at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from the DIY Centre, Parbold and from Parbold Fruit and Veg.

Parbold Douglas Drama Group is an amateur dramatic group, based in Parbold, performing two productions per year in local venues.

The cast of The Murder Room **Code NA**

Comedy to be performed in resort

THERE are plenty of laughs in the SDC's forthcoming play at the Little Theatre, Southport.

Entertaining Angels is a gentle and engaging comedy by Richard Everett.

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Looking back... Red Rum in his heyday

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Red Rum clears the low fence of the waterjump at Wetherby.

John McKelvie (Steward Hesketh Golf Club), Sue Cuff (Miss Great Britain), Lisa Holden, Red Rum and Billy Beardwood.

Always the most popular picture of Red Rum because it demonstrates the happy carefree demeanour of the horse; it is also a pleasing pictorial composition and adorns many living rooms.

Red Rum poses in Hyde Park at the launch of Christine Pemberton's book, Born to Win.

Ginger McCain the jovial trainer, pictured in the Aughton Road stableyard after Red Rum's third Grand National victory.

After Red Rum's third Grand National Victory in 1977. Jockey Tommy Stack, Red Rum and Ginger McCain in the Aughton Road, stable yard in Southport.

One of the three most popular pictures of this fine horse; the proud head, the alert ears, the observant eyes, all combine to suggest Red Rum's true character.

As a publicity stunt for the car, a race was arranged along the Southport beach but due to some technical difficulty the TR7 failed to start.

Red Rum never fell but he was brought down once at Catterick. This day he almost fell, in the Greenall Whitley Breweries Chase at Haydock.

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Land aquired by Bellway Homes in Litherland

Bellway Homes is pleased to announce its most recent land acquisition on Spooner Avenue in Litherland.

The six acre site will form a fantastic new development for the housebuilder, which has been named Church Fields.

Church Fields will comprise a total of 88 properties, including a stylish selection of three bedroom semi detached homes and three and four bedroom detached homes, appealing to families in particular.

Build has commenced at the development, with Bellway Homes hoping to be on site late Spring with the opening of two stunning show homes.

Situated in a sought-after residential area, Church Fields is the first site in Litherland for the award-winning housebuilder, with the exclusive development enhancing Bellway's expansive development portfolio in Merseyside.

Offering a range of desirable house types, a number of properties have been released for sale early with pre-show home opening prices, including three bedroom semi detached, known as the Rufford, priced £153,995.

A selection of three bedroom detached house types, the Lansdown and Weston, are also available with prices starting from £179,995, as well as the Oakwood, a four bedroom detached home, priced from £194,995.

The release of these properties has been eagerly awaited by homebuyers in Crosby with three sales secured.

Jenny Bell, sales director designate at Bellway Homes, comments: "Church Fields is the latest land acquisition for Bellway Homes in Merseyside and we have been incredibly impressed with the initial levels of interest in the development.

"The next few months will be very exciting as build progresses and we work towards the opening of the show homes and having a presence on site."

For further information on Church Fields or to register your interest in properties, please contact Bellway Homes at Orrell Gardens on 0151 521 4885. Alternatively, please visit www.bellway.co.uk.

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Two beautiful showhomes come to Crosby

Bellway Homes has opened the doors to two beautiful show homes at its highly desirable Hawthorn Park development on South Parade in Crosby.

Showcasing two different house types at the popular development, the show homes perfectly portray the properties built by Bellway Homes, with visitors suitably impressed with the style and space.

With families in mind, the four bedroom show homes feature different interior designs, each equally as inspiring and memorable.

Boasting a cool, contemporary decor, the four bedroom Oakwood show home will appeal to families looking for a stylish home in Crosby. Shades of grey are teamed with tones of blue to create a thoroughly fresh feel throughout the house.

The open-plan kitchen / diner is a superb space for everyday lives, forming the heart of the home. With French doors that open up into the rear garden and a practical utility room, the needs of modern families have certainly been catered for.

The lounge is a comfortable room which features two pale grey sofas adorned with charcoal grey and petrol blue scatter cushions a white gloss coffee table and a striking free-standing swinging-chair.

The colour theme continues upstairs where you will find the four bedrooms, including the impressive master bedroom with spacious en suite facilities, and the family bathroom.

The second show home, the four bedroom Keats house type, enjoys a bright and vibrant interior design, with a pretty pale grey palette mixed with splashes of fuchsia pink and lime green.

Contributing to the success of Hawthorn Park is its location, less than a mile from Crosby town centre offering an array of amenities and leisure attractions, such as the beach and its marina and picturesque parks.

The ideal development for families, Hawthorn Park is well placed with a selection of excellent schools and colleges close by, including Merchant Taylors' Schools, Great Crosby RC Primary School, Forefield Junior School and St Mary's College.

Jenny Bell, sales director designate at Bellway Homes, comments: "We are exceptionally impressed with the results of the stunning show homes at Hawthorn Park. The response we have received from visitors since the opening of the show homes has been very positive, with a series of sales secured at Hawthorn Park in recent weeks.

"The development has always proved popular due to its convenient location in Crosby, however the opening of the show homes will certainly add to its appeal."

There are a handful of three and four bedroom detached properties currently available at Hawthorn Park, with prices starting from £209,995.

For further information or to arrange a viewing of the show homes, please call 0151 928 8671 (open Monday and Friday from 10am until 5pm, Thursday from 10am until 7pm, Saturday and Sunday from 11am until 5pm). Alternatively, visit www.bellway.co.uk.

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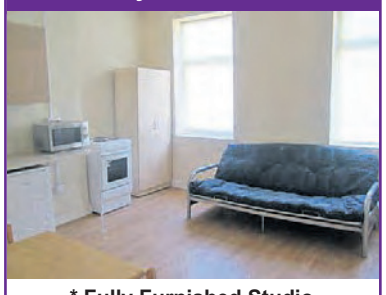

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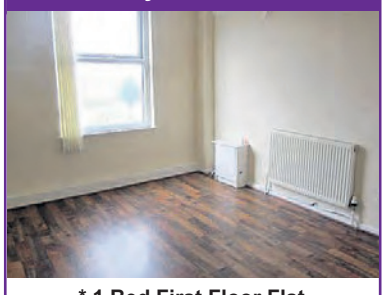

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- Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- G/F Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom,
- Secluded Gardens,Tandem Garage

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Maghull

The Crescent
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Sitting Room
- Rear Lounge
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Four Bedrooms, En Suite
- Bathroom, G/F Shower Room, Gardens

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Waterloo

Kingsway
- Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Outstanding Features
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Bathroom, En Suite, Ground WC
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Driveway, Garden, GCH, DG

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Maghull

Deyes End
- Semi Detached House With 'Granny Annexe'
- Two Reception Rooms
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- Granny Annexe, Bedroom/Shower Room
- Gardens and Garage

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Deyes Lane
- Four Bedroom Semi House
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Garage & Gardens

£163,000

Maghull

Wenning Avenue
- Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Study, Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Gardens
- D/G & GCH, No Chain Involved

£159,995

Maghull

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- Extended three bedroomed semi detached house
- Lounge, rear lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen
- Three double bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens front and rear and garage.
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£159,950

Melling

Olive Close
- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Area, Conservatory
- Additional Reception Room, Kitchen
- Bathroom, En Suite
- Gardens, Driveway

O.I.E.O. £155,000

Melling Mount

Dumfries Way
- Extended Semi Detached House
- Three First Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Additional Reception
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility/Dining Area, Summer House
- Gardens, Driveway, GCH and DG

£134,950

Melling Mount

Lauder Close
- Unique Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms and Loft Room
- Lounge, Dining Room, Morning Room
- Dining Kitchen, Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway
- GCH and DG

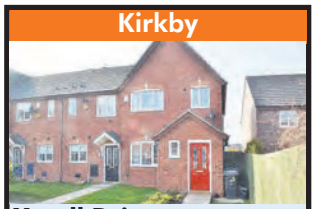
O.I.E.O. £134,000

Bootle

Marmion Avenue
- Three Bed Semi Detatched
- Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathhroom Sep WC
- Gardens Front and Rear
- DRIVEWAY, GCH, DG

£122,500

Kirkby



Yoxall Drive
- End Town House
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom, Ground Floor WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Driveway

£115,000

Waterloo

Royton Road
- Terraced House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Court Yard

£115,000

Bootle

Bailey Drive
- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate WC
- Front and Rear Enclosed Gardens
- GCH and DG, NO CHAIN

£104,950

Kirkby

Salvia Way
- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Gardens Front and Rear
- Driveway, GCH and DG

£103,000

Netherton

Marina Crescent
- Extended Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens/Off Road Parking

O.I.E.O. £100,000

Kirkby

Darmond Road
- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom, Ground WC
- Gardens, Driveway, GCh, DG

O.I.E.O. £85,000

Litherland

Bowland Drive
- Three Bedroom Terraced House
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens Front and Rear, Conservatory

£85,000

Netherton

Hereford Drive
- Terrace House
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom and Kitchen
- Gardens Front and Rear
- GCH and DG, NO CHAIN

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Fazakerley

Dawn Walk
- Mid Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory, Bathroom
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Gardens Front and Rear
- Fully GCH and DG

£79,995

Bootle

Gloucester Road
- Mid Terrace House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- GCH, DG, Courtyard

O.I.E.O £72,500

Netherton

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- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom and WC
- Landscaped Garden
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- Front and Enclosed Rear Gardens.
- Driveway to Side providing Off Road Parking. Detached Garage.

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Lydiate

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- En-Suite, Bathroom
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Driveway, Off Set Garage

£750 PCM

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- Two receptions Rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Gardens front and rear
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£695 PCM

Lydiate

Blackhurst Road
= Semi Detached House
= Three Bedrooms
= Lounge, Dining Room
= Kitchen, Bathroom
= Gardens Front and Rear
= Garage, GCH and DG

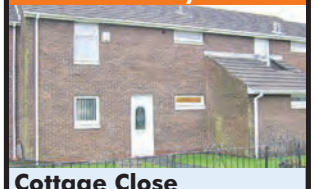
£695 PCM

Kirkby

Penda Drive
- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Bathroom
- Kitchen, Diner
- Gardens, Driveway
- GCh and DG

£650 PCM

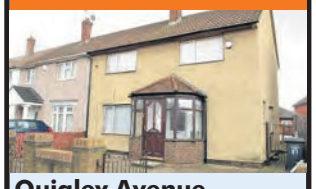
Kirkby



Cottage Close
- Spacious Mid Terrace House
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Bathroom, Ground WC
- Gardens, Garage, Driveway
- GCH and DG

£650 PCM

Netherton



Quigley Avenue
- Semi Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Bathroom
- Driveway, Garden
- GCH and DG

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CLOTHING

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GIRL'S BOOTS size 11, beige, Huggi–style £2 01704 549713

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HOUSE AND HOME

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BATHROOM/KITCHEN BLIND 29 inc wide £8 01704 201621

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ACORN STAIR LIFT chair stair lift As new, 12.5 ft run Light beige vcg£500 as new £500 ono o.n.o. 01704 514972

BATHROOM/KITCHEN BLIND 70 inch wide £15 01704 201621

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CAPTAINS CHAIR Dark brown large round wooden captains chair, condition ok, buyer collects. £10 01695573147

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DISPLAY CABINER dark wood 2 leaded doors drop down drinks section 3 drawers and 2 lower cupboards can e– mail photo buyer collects H 1.76 W. 1.63 D. 46 approx.£85 £85 01704822114

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DYSON DC07 upright bagless excellent suction £50 Southport 214498

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GAS FIRE Flavel Strata Black Contempory gas fire as new VGC full instructions ready to go £120 o.n.o. 01704 533874

GLASS TV STAND glass tv stand with crome legs silver coloured wooden base very slightly marked £30 07584429157

GOLD SOFA Two seater sofa, very comfortable, one seat has a support board, condition ok. H33'D33'L57' Buyer collects. £35 01695573147

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HI FI CABINET mahogany bevelled glass doors W88 D46H55 approk can e–mail photo buyer collects £35 £35 01704822114

HOTPOINT FRIDGE hotpoint iced diamond fridge excellent condition £60 07584429157

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UPRIGHT FRIDGE FREEZER hight 158 width 58 cm depth 64good condition white £55 o.n.o. 01704621090

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Application No: 2013/0263/FUL Erection of six dwellings at Motacroft Engineering Ltd, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge.
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Application No: 2013/0273/COU Conversion of and extension to existing stable block to form single storey dwelling including creation of residential curtilage at 281 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick.
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
Borough Planner

Dated: 3rd April 2013
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PRAYER

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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In the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for one special favour. (mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

K.E.

PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

M.E.

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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

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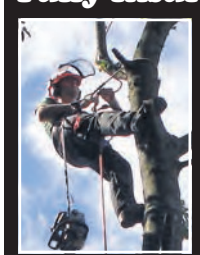
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Scrap motoring curfews – give youths a van to drive instead!

Life On Cars
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LOTS of people have been using this last week to call for even tougher restrictions on those pesky young drivers who keep passing their tests and then crashing.

Among the suggestions being bandied about by the bores–that–be are restricting them to cars as woefully underpowered as the one–litre Kia Picanto I tried the other day, banning them from venturing onto Britain's highways and byways once the sun goes down, and bringing in youth–specific drink–driving laws that'll land them in prison for twenty years if they're caught in the possession of wine gums.

In fact, the only sensible idea that hasn't come from someone who'd otherwise suggest reintroducing National Service is tougher, more plentiful driving lessons, and a harder driving test to match.

It's mad, for instance, that my newly–qualified mate can freely venture onto the M6 at rush hour, despite not having had a single lesson on motorway driving!

I, however, have found an even better way to encourage careful driving after moving house last week.

Insist everyone does their driving test – and all the lessons leading up to it – in a Ford Transit Luton van packed to the brim with their most prized possessions.

Driving something the size of a student flat is a little nerve–racking at the best of times, but knowing it's weighed down with your furniture, your DVDs, your carefully accumulated copies of Evo magazine and the IKEA bookcases you gingerly screwed together on an idle Sunday afternoon does tend to focus your mind on driving more carefully.

David used an enormous Luton van to move house last week. Code NA

The windy West Lancashire lanes I use to get to the motorway network – lanes I'd normally enjoy driving – were mildly terrifying, not only because a Luton van is so long and so wide, but because the cargo in the back is yours.

It also encourages you, thanks to its appetite for diesel, to go easy on the throttle, and if you can park one, you can park pretty much anything.

Make cocky, over–confident new drivers – like me not that long ago – do their lessons and tests in vans fully loaded with their prized personal belongings and they'll learn more about defensive driving and not taking risks than any 1950s–style motoring curfews.

You never know. There might even be a few less hot hatches wrapped around trees as a result

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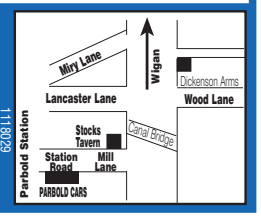

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Two types of Clio on offer

IF YOU liked the news that there'll be two different twists on new Volkswagen's Golf GTI when it goes on sale then you'll be delighted to learn of a similar approach from Renault's riposte.

Like the German hot hatch contender, there will be two different versions of the new RenaultSport Clio 200 Turbo when it goes on sale in June – the EDC, which will cost £18,995, and the more lavishly–trimmed Lux, at £19,995.

A spokesperson for the French firm said: "Whichever version of Clio Renaultsport 200 Turbo buyers opt for, it'll fit into their daily lives effortlessly. The new model still packs 200hp, but it's better off to the tune of 25Nm greater torque, together with a healthy dose of it mid–range. It's also quicker from 0 to 62 mph, 0.2 seconds swifter to be precise, at 6.7.

"It won't be the main purchase reason for many buyers, but nevertheless, Clio Renaultsport's new five–door practicality is sure to appeal to many, particularly family buyers. One minute it's a swift commuter car, the next it's a B–road mile–eater."

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Mercedes comes with £24k price tag

Report by **David Simister**

A BABY Benz which shrinks the sleek saloon style of the Mercedes CLS into a more affordable package will start at £24,355 when it goes on sale here later this year.

Mercedes–Benz said its new, front–wheel–drive CLA, which is closely related under the skin to the A–Class and B–Class models.

It otherwise mimics the look of the much larger CLS coupe, will be available with a choice of two trim levels, called Sport and AMG Sport, two suspension settings and the choice of either a 1.6 petrol or 2.1 litre diesel engine.

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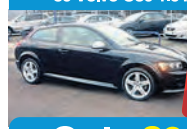

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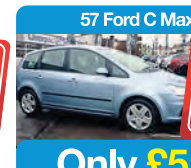

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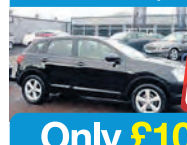

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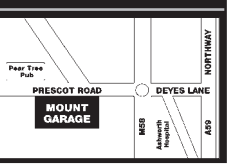

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AN 85th minute header by Louis Mayers rescued a point for Bursough in this Good Friday clash with Ossett Town.

In a game in which neither side really dominated, it was the visitors who pressed early on, Carl Stewart and Luke Sharry combining well for the former to test Horn on 14 minutes.

Burscough huffed and puffed throughout the first half with no real product.

The visitors went ahead four minutes after the break when Stewart set himself on the left and calmly stroked the ball past Horn. This seemed to fire up the home side who began to pile on the pressure and it finally told five minutes from time when Mayers headed home from a Jordan Williams corner.

Skem home in on 'promised land'

By Neil Leatherbarrow

SKELMERSDALE United have the opportunity to put themselves another couple of stages toward the promised land of the Evo–Stik Premier Division this week when they stage a pair of home games on Saturday and Tuesday.

Play–off–chasing Clitheroe visit the West Lancashire College Stadium on Saturday, with Wakefield in town on Tuesday evening.

Both are teams that Tommy Lawson's side have conquered on their travels, winning by a massive 8–1 margin in East Lancashire and 2–0 on the first day of the season in West Yorkshire.

However, Clitheroe will pose stern opposition. Currently lying fifth in the Division One North table, they will be determined to hold on to the chance of grabbing promotion in the end of season lottery.

Wakefield will also have point to prove after they suffered an humiliating 10–1 reverse at Curzon Ashton on Easter Monday.

However, Skem will go into the two games in good heart, sitting on 83 points at the top of the table and holding a 16–point lead.

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Skelmersdale United 3
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By Neil Leatherbarrow

JUST after the hour mark United were making such hard work of defeating struggling Prescot that manager Tommy Lawson made three substitutions as his team that had started the day – showing four changes from the one that had won at Salford on Saturday – looked increasingly unlikely to pull back a one–goal deficit.

The changes paid off. In the 69th minute Dale Wright fired home a penalty to equalise, but even then it was only thanks to a pair of Josh Hine goals, on 87 and 92 minutes respectively, that they finally secured a victory that puts them 16 points clear in the Evo–Stik Division One North.

There was no real sign of what was to follow early on. In the 12th minute Matty Hughes released Mike Phenix into the penalty area. Prescot goalkeeper Adam Reid dived at Phenix's feet and the 6ft 4in striker crashed to the ground. A penalty was given and Hughes himself stepped up to take the kick only for Reid to dive to his left to pull off a terrific save.

There was no panic though as Skem were having the vast majority of possession and surely a goal would come soon. Hughes, lifted an opportunity wide, then Phenix headed wide. Dale Wright put one shot fizzing just over the crossbar before left–back Shaun Holden got forward and curled a shot just wide.

During the interval an expectant home crowd were not too bothered. Skem had been in this situation before this season and just upped their game.

As the game progressed though Prescot were getting more and more awkward, wasting time, breaking up play and doing everything in their power to stunt any tempo Skelmersdale could build up, while the referee only exacerbated the situation by not making any positive moves to make the visitors play.

Antony Hickey and Tony Evans went close for Skem before the prediction of any fatalist came true as Prescot scored. David Dempsey curled a left–wing corner to the far post and Liam Hollett muscled his way in to head home in the 56th minute.

Tommy Lawson had to act and he did, making three substitutions at once, bringing on Mark Jackson, Adam Morning and Josh Hine who had all been rested from the team that played at Salford.

The reaction was instantaneous. In the 69th minute Matty Hughes made a surging run down the left cutting into the 18–ard box and when Hollett stuck a leg out a second penalty was awarded. This time Wright lined up to take the spot–kick and gave Reid no chance, the big midfielder producing a shot straight out of the top–drawer.

Still it was hard work for Skem and the word dogged couldn't even start to describe Prescot.

Skelmersdale's best player on the day Paul Woolcott exchanged passes with Morning but Reid saved, Hine brought a great stop from Reid and Morning suffered the same fate.

Maybe the key move had been to introduce Jackson, because now the midfield were getting more involved for Skelmersdale and he started a move in the 87th minute that saw Hughes released down the right wing. He crossed into the goalmouth, Jackson, who had run on, challenged Reid and the ball dropped for Hine to run in and force it into the net. The sigh of relief from the Skelmersdale support was audible.

And two minutes into added time Skem grabbed a third goal. Morning made a swashbuckling run down the left and delivered the ball into the goalmouth, Hine doing the rest to take his tally for the weekend to four goals.

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Skem too slick for City

Salford City 0 Skelmersdale United 3

UNITED had matters all tied up and delivered by the 51st minute at Moor Lane as they secured a 3–0 victory courtesy of two Josh Hine strikes and a spectacular free–kick by Adam Morning.

The game was almost a tragic occasion though as in the 36th minute Salford goalkeeper Ritchie Branagan was left motionless on the ground for 45 minutes by a neck injury that required his removal on a spinal board. Thankfully, by the final whistle the good news filtered through from the hospital that the 21–year–old had not suffered serious injury.

Skem opened the scoring in the ninth minute when Kenny Strickland's through ball put Hine in one–on–one with Branagan and the in–form striker slipped the ball low into the net.

In the 36th minute came the Branagan scare as the keeper tried to scoop the ball up while running at full pace, stumbled and went head over heels before lying motionless on the ground.

When the game re–started Nathan Taylor had taken over in goal and was soon beaten, a Shaun Holden cross being helped on for to finish at the far post.

Right on half–time Salford were down to 10 men when centre–forward Kinsella was red carded for an foul on Hickey.

Skem wasted no time after the re–start in going in for the kill and did so in the 51st minute, via a spectacular Morning free–kick from the right.

Morning could have had a hat–trick, Woolcott went close and Field hit the crossbar, while Gary Burnett failed to net with the goal at his mercy.

Richmond's happy Easter

Burscough Richmond 2
Haslinden St Mary's 1

RICHMOND completed a successful Easter following up their 4–3 success at Dalton on Saturday with another single–goal success.

The visitors had the better of the first–half exchanges and home goalkeeper Tom Shacklady marked his debut with good saves from Booth and Hulme.

On 53 minutes though Richmond took the lead when a defence–splitting pass by defender Ash Disley found striker Murt in space and he unleashed an unstoppable shot from the edge of the penalty area that rifled past Bell. And three minutes later striker Mark Beesley scored his first goal for Richmond, latching on to a rebound off the bar to head in from close range after good work by Lord and Hanson.

In the closing stages St Mary's got a consolation goal with striker Smart firing past Shacklady.

Saturday's win over Dalton saw Richmond come from 2–1 down with striker Jordan Lord grabbing a hat–trick after Jimmy Hanson's opener.

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Producing talent

The College is committed to nurturing the talent and interests of our students. From business entrepreneurs to actors, fashion designers and athletes, many of our students have gone on to success in their chosen vocations.

Katarina Johnson-Thompson is one of our recent sporting stars. An heptathlete she has won gold in the World Youth Games and World Junior Championships. She recently made her Olympic debut at the London 2012 Games.

Katarina Johnson-Thompson

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are ideal for those who want to combine work with study. Apprentices come to the College part-time and get the best of both worlds. The qualifications gained can open doors to Higher Education at the College or university, while progressing in their chosen career.

Case study

Michael McGrath, 21, took many different routes before finding the right career path. He studied GCSEs and AS-levels at school but decided he wanted a change of environment. In 2012, after completing level 2 and 3 Computer Aided Design at the College and a brief spell on the College's popular Level 3 Construction course, he joined an apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media working at Liverpool-based internet marketing agency, Ph. Creative. He will complete his apprenticeship later this year and hopes to secure a permanent position with the firm.

Michael said: "The apprenticeship programme has proven to be a really effective alternative route for me. I am really enjoying College as well as working on live projects with the professionals at Ph. Creative. Gaining industry knowledge and skills has pushed me to achieve more, as well as increasing my confidence in work abilities. I've finally found the right career which I am so passionate about."

Vocational

Vocational qualifications (BTEC diplomas, certificates, NVQs) are great courses with a clear career focus. This route opens doors to Higher Education qualifications at the College or university, as well as into employment.

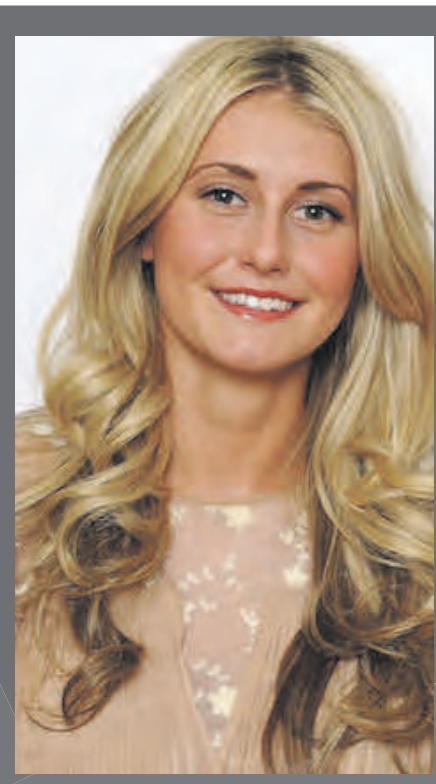
Case study

Jenna Stephenson, 18, completed a Level 3 diploma in Fashion Retail at the College in 2011. She went on to win gold in the Visual Merchandising category at last year's UK Skills competition alongside Melissa Dunne and has won a coveted place in Squad UK for the World Skills event in Leipzig 2013.

In October, Jenna also won a silver medal in the Euroskills 2012 competition in Belgium. The competition raises awareness of the importance of professional excellence and high quality vocational training for Europe.

Jenna is now doing a Level 4 diploma in buying and merchandising.

Jenna said: "I am gaining so many great experiences and opportunities at the College. I have had the chance to meet and work with some of the industry's top companies and professionals as well as gaining additional qualifications."



Academic

A-levels and GCSEs are academic qualifications. They can be subjects continuing from school such as English, maths and science or new subjects such as media studies and electronics. This route can lead to gaining higher level vocational qualifications or Higher Education at the College or university, or into employment.

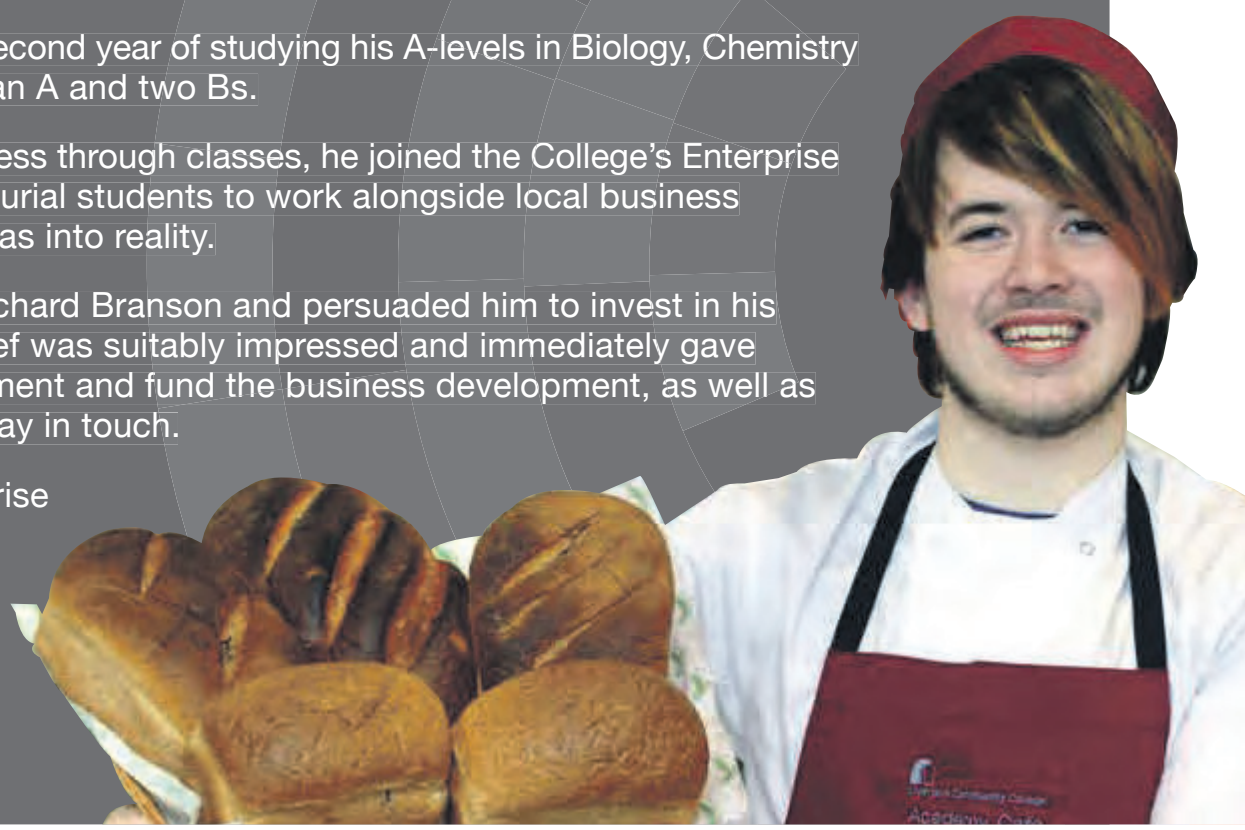
Case study

Aaron Booth, 17, is currently in his second year of studying his A-levels in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics and is predicted an A and two Bs.

After developing an interest in business through classes, he joined the College's Enterprise Club, which encourages entrepreneurial students to work alongside local business mentors and turn their business ideas into reality.

Through the Club, Aaron met Sir Richard Branson and persuaded him to invest in his mobile cake venture. The Virgin chief was suitably impressed and immediately gave Aaron the funds to purchase equipment and fund the business development, as well as exchanging details so they could stay in touch.

Aaron now has a successful enterprise and an enthusiastic client base. He plans to take his interest in business further and go on to Leeds University to study a degree in business management.



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